

I have worked as a flight attendant of Northwest Airlines for seven years. It is my opinion that allowing cell phone usage while in flight is a good thing. One main concern I have heard is that people on cell phones can be loud and annoying to those around them. Although this can happen at times, I feel that phones have improved greatly so that people don't have to talk loudly to be heard. I don't think cell phones are any more of an annoyance or distraction than portable audio players or DVD players. Many business people in First Class use their cell phones while boarding and most of them are considerate of those around them. A strong argument for allowing cell phone usage in the air is that they allow passengers to communicate flight delays or changes as they occur to those waiting for them. It also allows our business passengers to use their flight time productively.